(d) it' not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRA1 PATIL) : (a) Employees of Indan Airlines are not eligible for any leave travel concession (LTC) Facility. However, the employees employed in the canteens of Indian Mr-lines are allowed LTC facility once in a block of two years up to a maximum of Rs. 450/. per member per family subject to a maximum of 4 family members including self, spouse, depednent children md dependent parents.

(b) Annual expenditure incurred as a result of granting LTC Facility to the employees of Indian Airlines Canteen is approx. Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The Canteen employees ire. however, demanding free/concessional passages in lieu of LTC in their charter of Demands which is under negotiation between Indian Airlines manage-and respective union/association.

Relief measures to the victim of Island Express

696. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount released lor rescue and relief measures to the vic- Island Express which got derailed and fell into the Ashtamudj Lake on 8th June. 1988:

(b) whether i: is a fact that the amount was disbursed partly to the next kin of the victims of rail disaster and partly among Marxist workers by thc District au thorities who were in no way affected by the rail accident: and

(c) whether Government propose to in vestigate into the whole affairs to find out Jhe truth and to punish the guilty?

I HE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MA-

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HABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Rs. 11.61,250/- has been paid as ex-gratia by Southern Railway to the injured passengers and dependents of the deceased.

(c) Dues not misc.

Vessels from Netiierland to Inland water-ways authority of India

697. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS-PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Netherland have provided some vessels to the Inland Waterways Authority of India:

(b) if so. in what manner the Inland Waterways Authority of India is likely to make best use of these vessels and the locations where these will be utilised; and

(c) to what extent the efficiency of the Inland Waterways Authori'y would boosted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The IWAI is obtaining from Netherlands four vessels namely—one dredger, one survey launch, one work boat and one shallow draft cargo vessel under thc bilateral assistance programme. These vessels will be used in the Pilot Project designed to evaluate the navigability of the Ganga between Patn.i and Allahabad.

Aircraffs rounded by National Airlines

698. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of aircrafts gro-unded by the National airlines, month-wise, make-wise and region-wise, during the last six months;

(b) whether the airlines have taken any measures to avoid the often repeated cha nge in Schedules of flights; and

whether the aircraft contracted tobe purchased are being delivered according to the originally accepted norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND-